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WASHINGTON, July 27, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 22 totaled 320,725, down 4.4 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 6.3 percent above the preceding holiday week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 6.0 percent in the East and 2.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were down 8,274 cars (6.9 percent). Grain loadings were down 5,560 cars (18.2 percent). Loadings of chemicals were up 2,026 cars (8.0 percent) and metallic ores were up 1,338 cars (6.0 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 29 weeks of 1989 totaled 9,598,205, down 0.7 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 112,816 trailers and/or containers for the week ended July 22, down 0.3 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 29 weeks of 1989 was 3,210,490 trailers and/or containers, 0.1 percent below the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended July 22 totaled 18.2 billion, 4.7 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 29 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 550.0 billion ton-miles, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 22, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 22, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	24,937	30,497	-18.2 %	27,503	-9.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,121	1,408	-20.4	1,538	-27.1
Metallic Ores	23,604	22,266	6.0	26,309	-10.3
Coal	111,930	120,204	-6.9	91,365	22.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,302	17,675	-2.1	17,742	-2.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,205	10,136	.7	10,352	-1.4
Grain Mill Products	9,796	10,051	-2.5	9,795	.0
Food & Kindred Products	8,757	9,240	-5.2	8,599	1.8
Primary Forest Products	9,364	9,873	-5.2	9,645	-2.9
Lumber & Wood Products	6,803	6,955	-2.2	6,421	5.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,544	10,673	-1.2	10,551	-.1
Chemicals	27,242	25,216	8.0	26,098	4.4
Petroleum Products	5,130	4,975	3.1	5,486	-6.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,506	11,038	-4.8	11,084	-5.2
Coke	5,507	5,720	-3.7	5,050	9.0
Metals & Products	9,501	10,176	-6.6	8,709	9.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	12,858	13,169	-2.4	10,254	25.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,390	9,203	-8.8	8,159	2.8
All Other Carloads	7,228	7,183	.6	6,945	4.1
Total	**320,725**	**335,658**	**-4.4 %**	**301,605**	**6.3 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JULY 22, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 29 WEEKS ENDING JULY 22, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**320,725**	**335,658**	**-4.4 %**	**9,598,205**	**9,665,582**	**-.7 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	64,577	67,806	-4.8	1,868,020	1,944,497	-3.9
Containers	48,239	45,353	6.4	1,342,470	1,267,946	5.9
Total	**112,816**	**113,159**	**-.3**	**3,210,490**	**3,212,443**	**-.1**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**18.2**	**19.1**	**-4.7 %**	**550.0**	**550.9**	**-.2 %**

NOTES: Effective with Week 27, Union Pacific figures include the Missouri-Kansas-Texas. UP's traffic for prior weeks is the sum of UP's and MKT's traffic. Traffic interchanged between the two roads prior to Week 27 has not been excluded from "received" traffic.

Carloads estimated for: Week 29, 1989 - GBW & PLE.

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